



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 16, 2004

S. 2432

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 15, 2004*

S. 2432 would expand by about 615 acres the boundary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in Missouri. The legislation would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the additional acreage and related personal property by purchase, donation, or exchange. Finally, S. 2432 would authorize the appropriation of whatever amounts are necessary for those purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2432 would cost between \$5 million and \$10 million over the next five years. We expect that the NPS would first purchase a 20-acre parcel containing a Civil War museum, other improvements, and the museum contents, at a cost of between \$3 million and \$4 million. If the NPS later purchases some of the other 595 acres (or easements on that land), total acquisition costs could increase by up to \$6 million over several years. We estimate that additional costs to operate the museum and to develop visitor facilities and interpretive materials would be less than \$0.5 million annually. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2432 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 30, 2004, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 4481, the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources. The estimated costs of H.R. 4481 and S. 2432 are identical.

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